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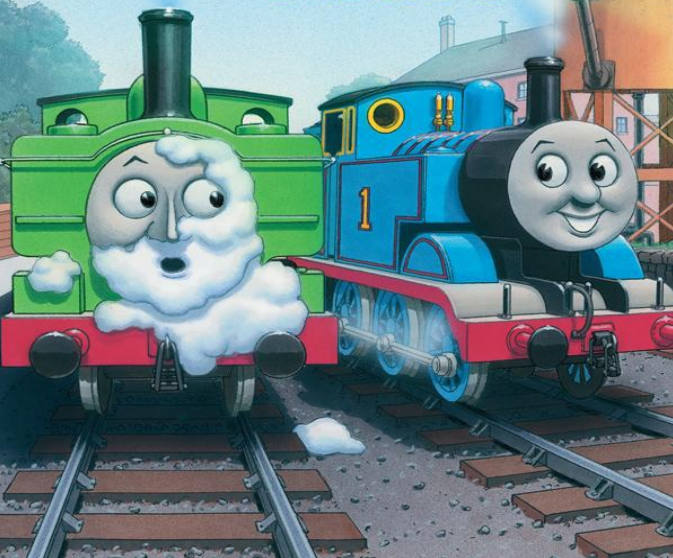
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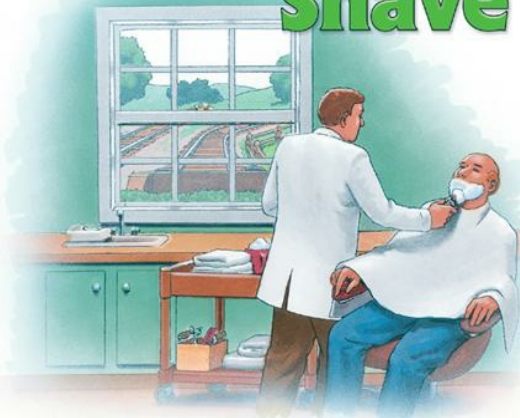


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Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™


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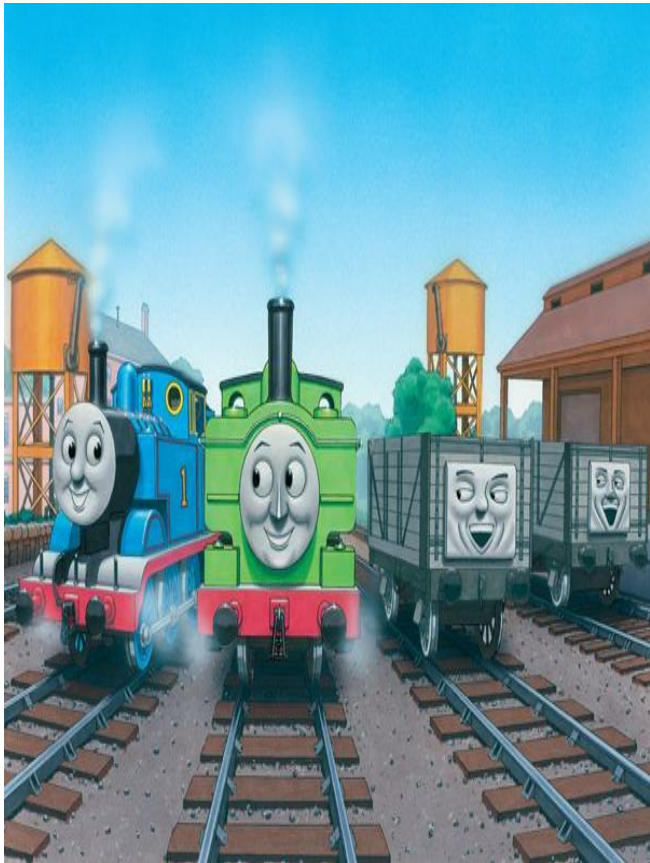
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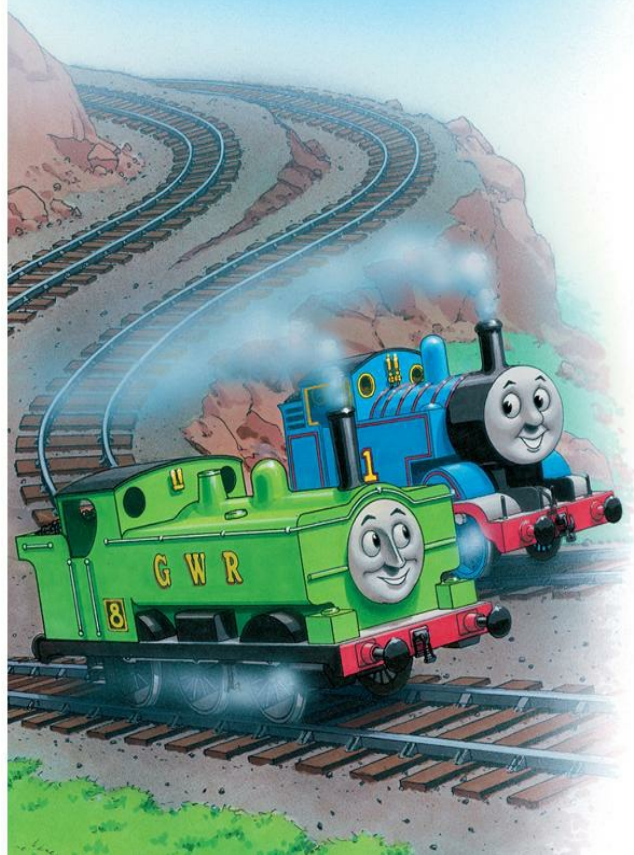
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Thomas and Duck
are friends.

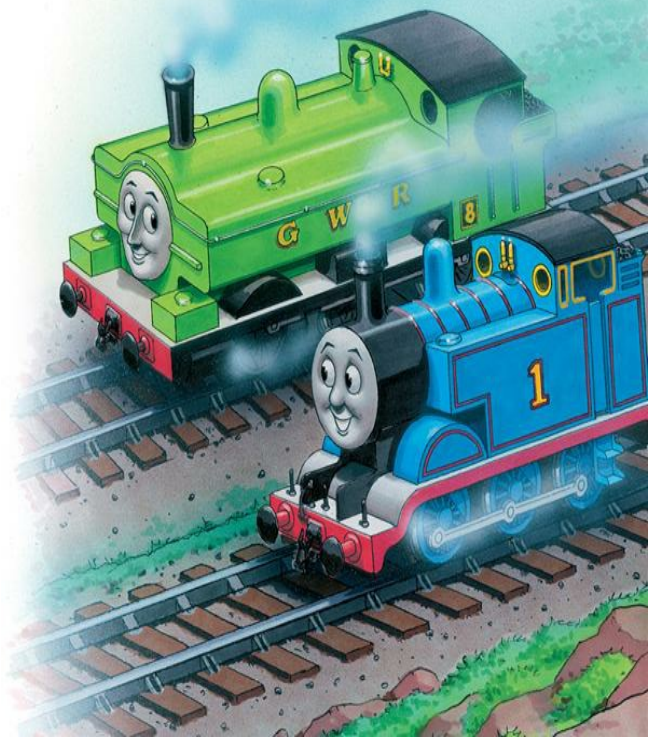


They are
not friends with the
Troublesome Trucks.

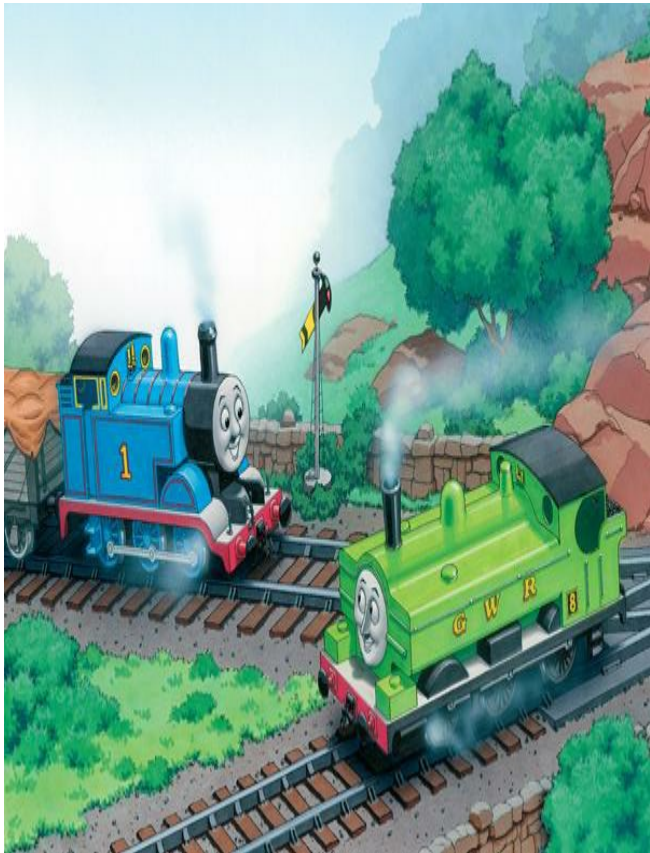
They like
to chug up hills.



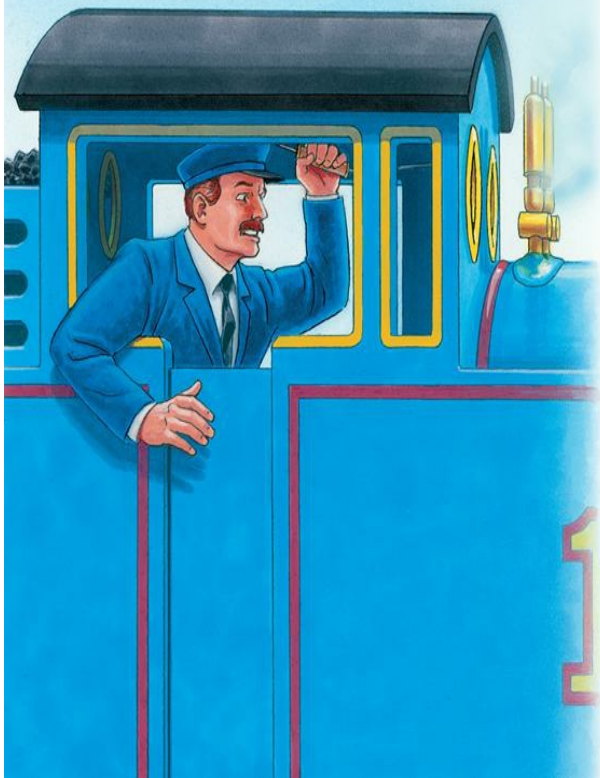
They like
to zip down hills.



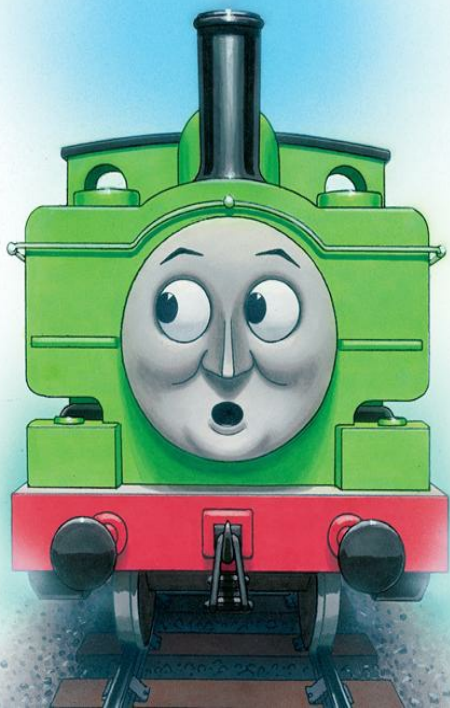
One day,
Duck was zipping
down a hill.
Hello, Thomas!



Duck heard
a warning whistle.



“Peeeeeeep!
Peeeeeeep!”

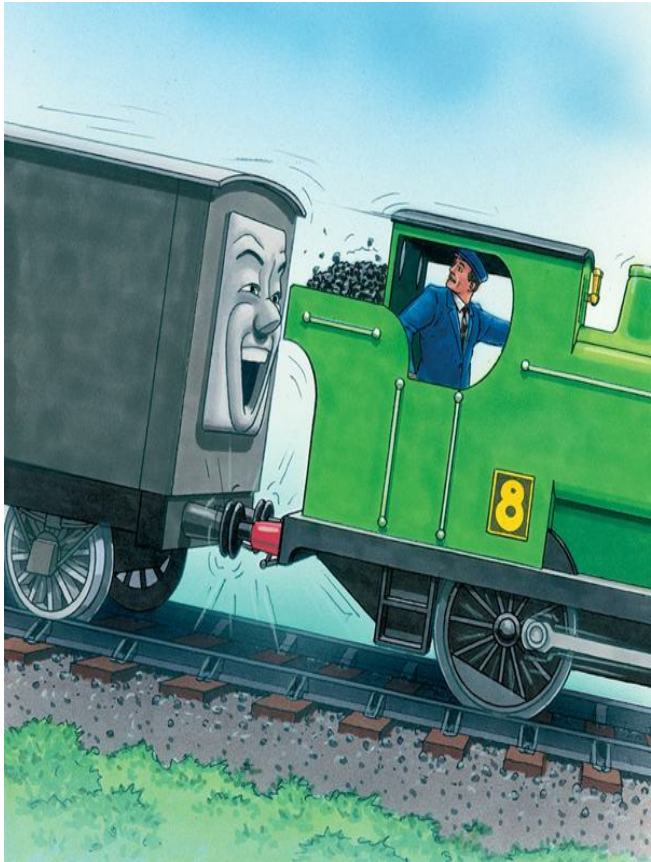


Trucks had run away
from Thomas.

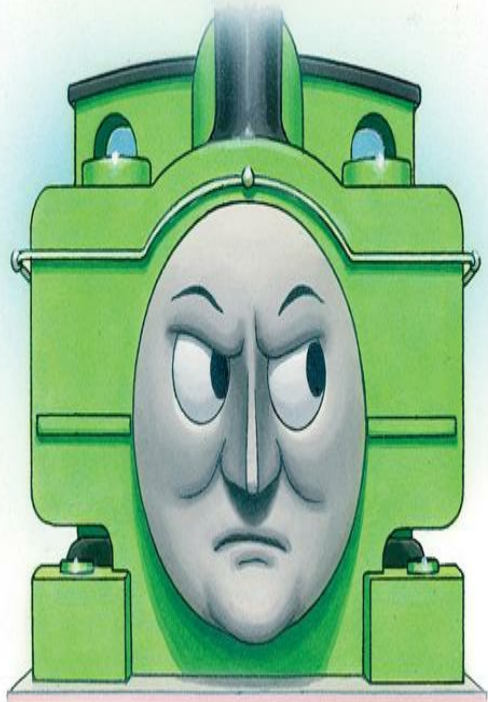


Go, Duck!
No! Trucks!

The Trucks
bumped Duck.



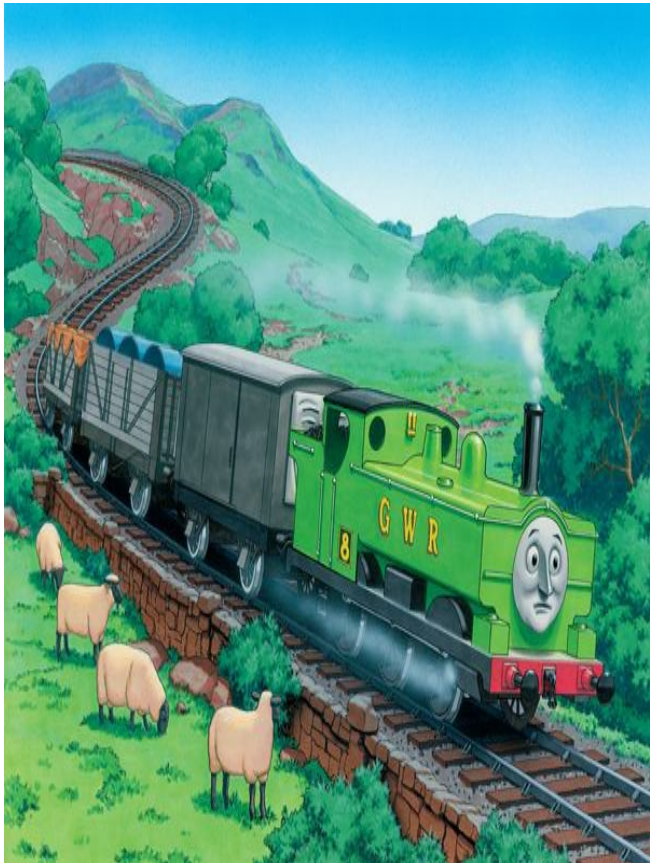
Mad Duck!



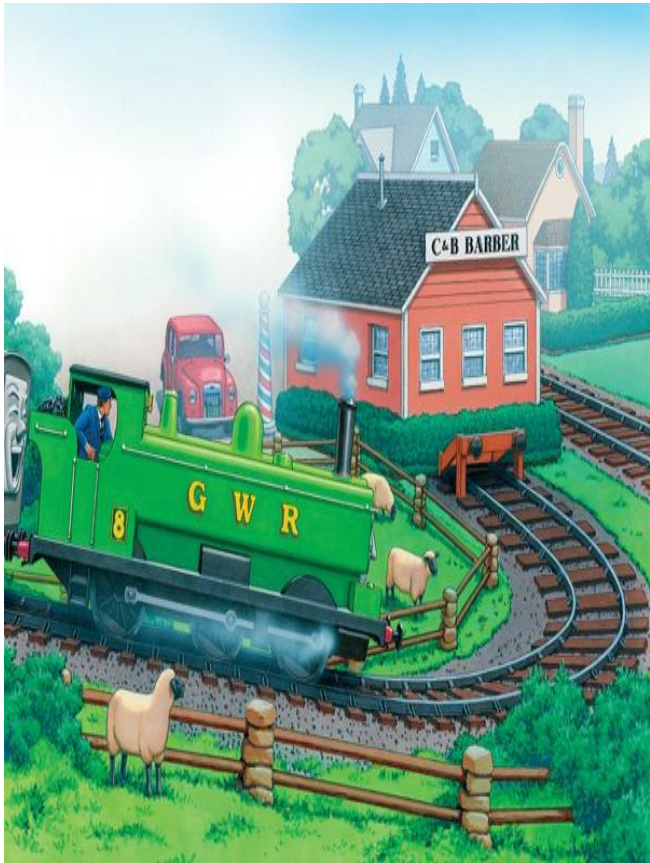
Glad Trucks!



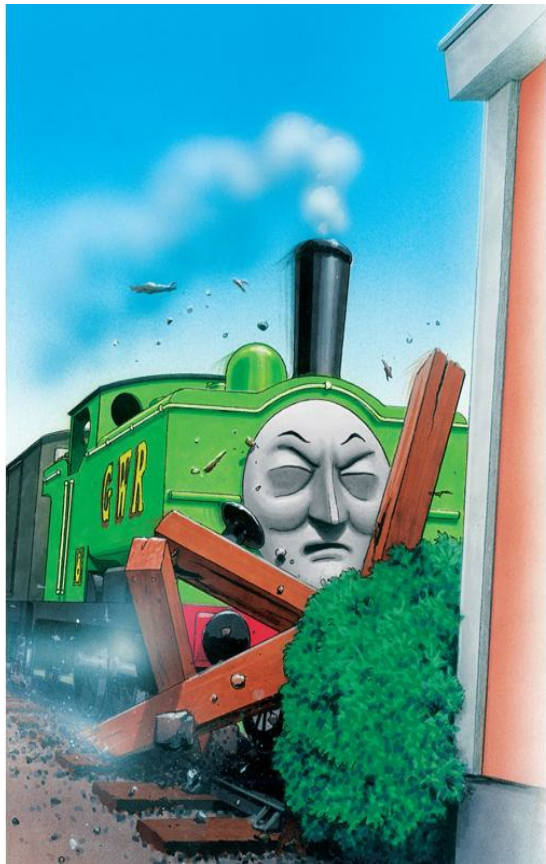
Duck and the Trucks
rushed down the hill.



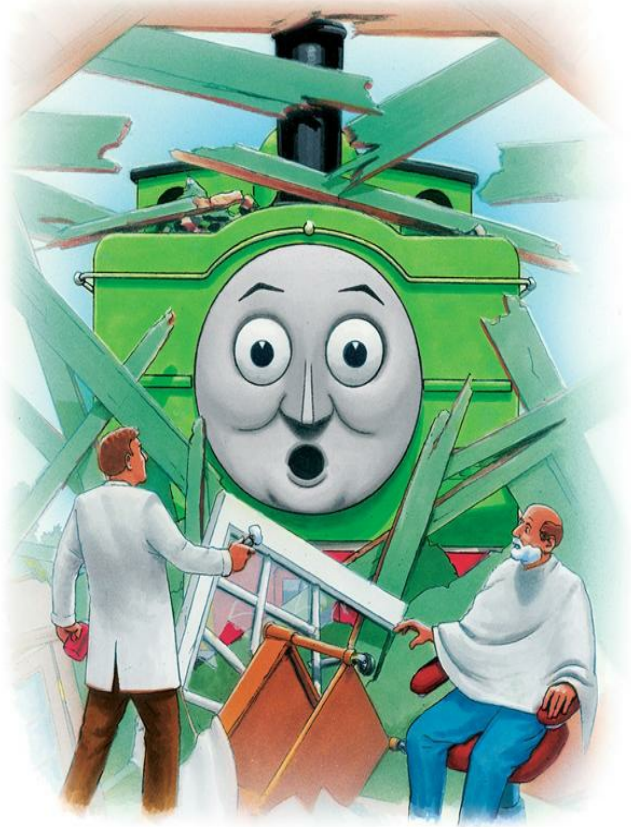
Duck saw
the end of the line.
Duck had to stop!



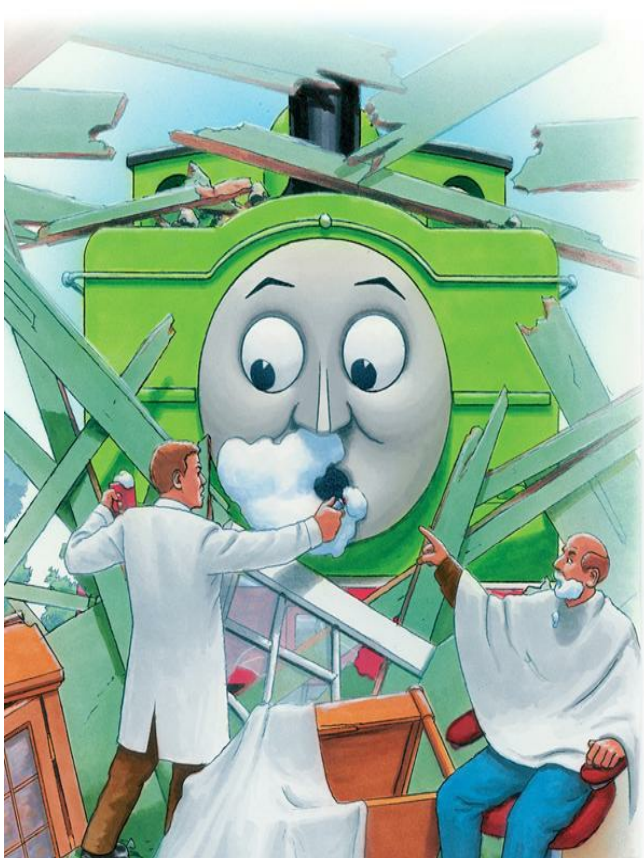
Duck crashed
into the barber shop.



Sad Duck!
Bad Trucks!



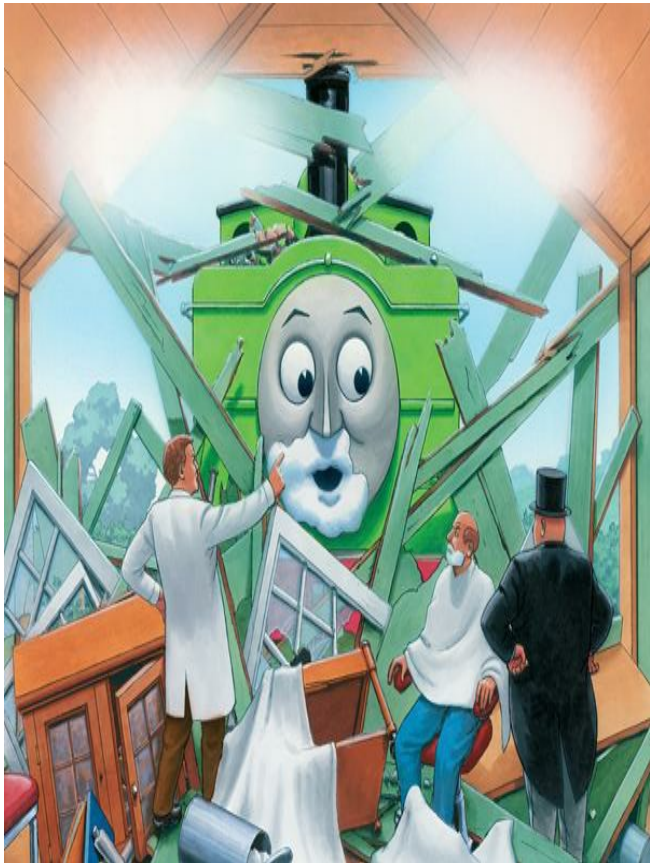
The barber
was cross.
Soapy Duck.



Dopey Trucks!



“I am sorry,”
said Duck.

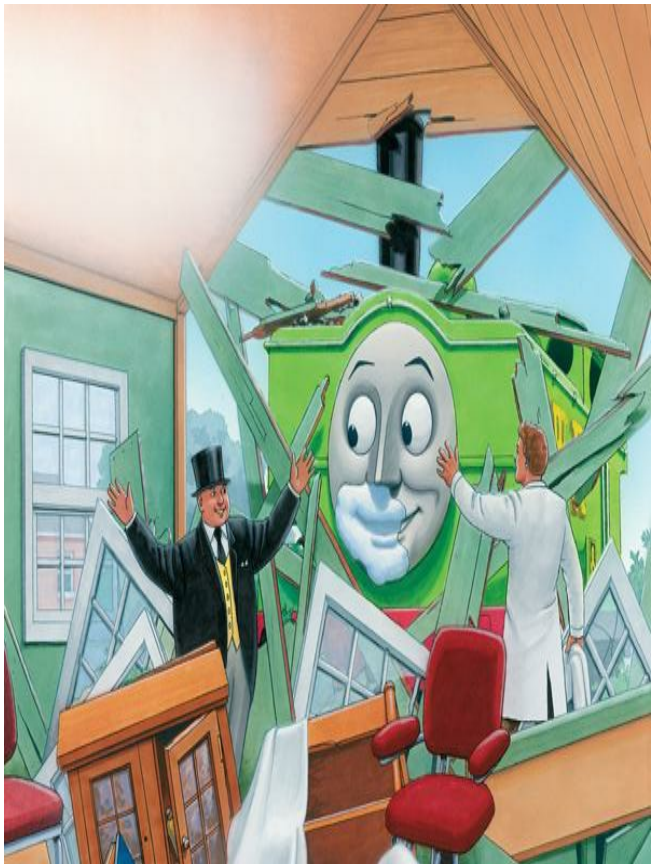


“I had to stop
the runaway Trucks.”

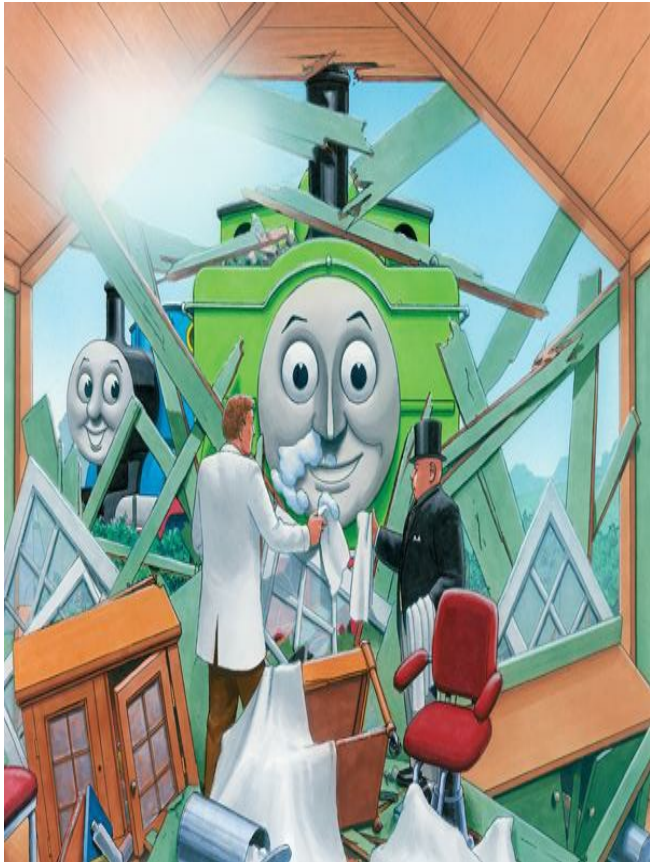
No one was hurt.

The shop could be
fixed.

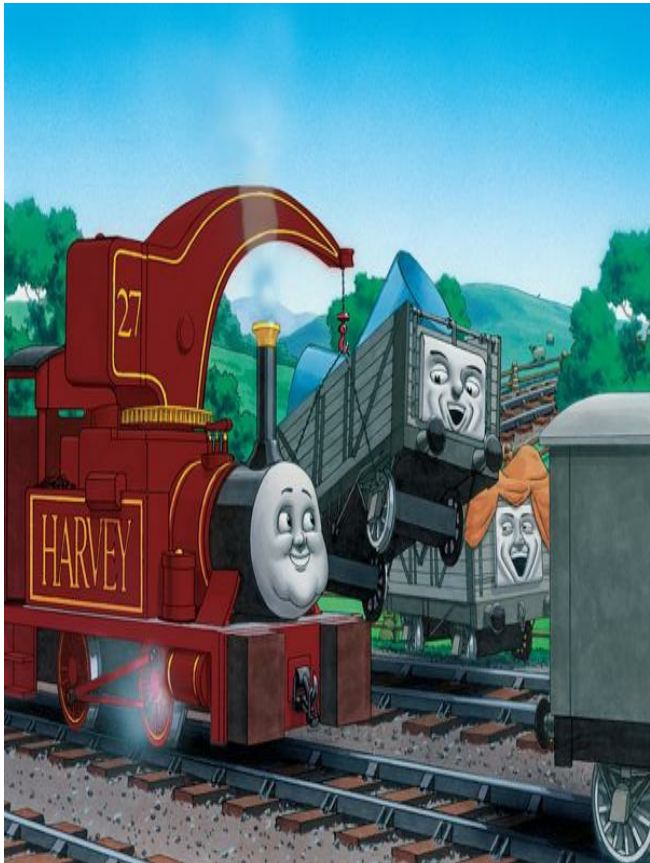
Duck was a hero!



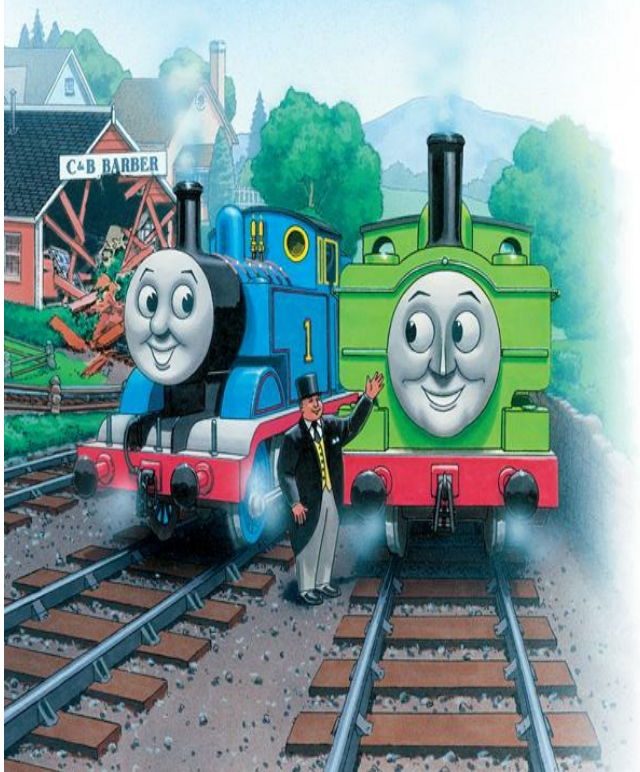
Duck got cleaned up.



The Trucks
got picked up.



Duck had
a close shave!





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